

Health insurers warned that a move by the Trump administration on Saturday to temporarily suspend a program that was set to pay out \$10.4 billion to insurers for covering high-risk individuals last year could drive up premium costs and create marketplace uncertainty. [NCSL resources on health insurances premiums and increases.](#)

North Dakota measure would ban noncitizen voting

Associated Press

Backers of a measure to change the North Dakota Constitution to explicitly bar non-U.S. citizens from voting say they have gathered enough signatures to get it on the November ballot. **NCSL research cited.**

Delaware lawmakers approve bill to prohibit pharmacist 'gag clauses'

Delaware Public Media

Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), third-party administrators of prescription drug programs for health insurance plans, sometimes forbid pharmacists from telling customers about cheaper therapeutic alternatives, or disclosing when a drug might be cheaper when paid for out-of-pocket, rather than through insurance. = A **NCSL data cited. [NCSL resources on 'gag clauses'.](#)**

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The Buckeye Institute Launches Workers Choose Campaign to Allow Public Employees to Express First Amendment Rights in Wake of *Janus* Ruling

Columbus, OH -- Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, The Buckeye Institute launched its Workers Choose campaign, which gives public employees in Ohio the tools they need to express their newly-recognized First Amendment rights.

"In *Janus v. AFSCME*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that public-sector workers can no longer be forced to pay for political speech without their affirmative consent," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of **The Buckeye Institute**. "For public-sector employees who seek to exercise their First Amendment rights and withdraw from their government union, **WorkersChoose.org** will allow them to initiate the process online in three easy steps. For those workers who are happy to continue supporting their government unions, they also have the First Amendment right to maintain their membership in them. The Janus decision is a win for all of our public workers, who are now respected and have a right to choose -- and those choices must be honored. I'm not sure how anyone could be opposed to letting workers decide for themselves."

To initiate the process of withdrawing from their government union, visitors to **WorkersChoose.org** will:

- Be asked to provide their name and email address;
- Find and select the county in which they work from a dropdown menu;
- Choose their employer from a dropdown menu; and
- Identify their government union in a dropdown menu.

Instructions will then appear that outline the opt-out process for that union and, when known, the specified timeframe or opt-out window. A completed notification letter, unique for each user, will be available for download and submission, as will union and employer contact information. Workers will simply need to download the letter and either email or send a hard copy to the listed contacts as instructed. If workers are required to email or send their notification letter at a future date, visitors have the option of signing up to receive an email notification when their opt-out window opens.

For public employees who have questions, there is a toll-free number, 1-855-e-Choose, and an email address, **WorkersChoose@BuckeyeInstitute.org**, that they can use for further assistance.

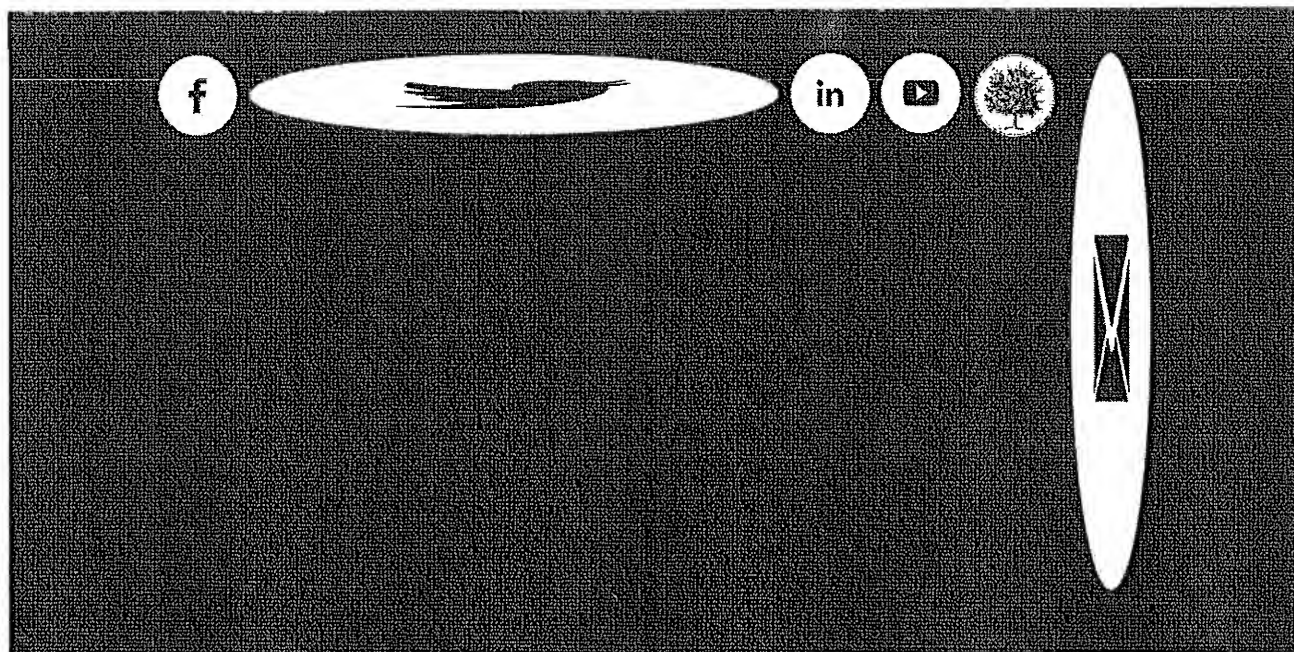
"If you are one of Ohio's hardworking teachers or other public-sector employees who prefer not to financially support or participate in your government union, **WorkersChoose.org** will allow you to begin the notification process today," said Alt.

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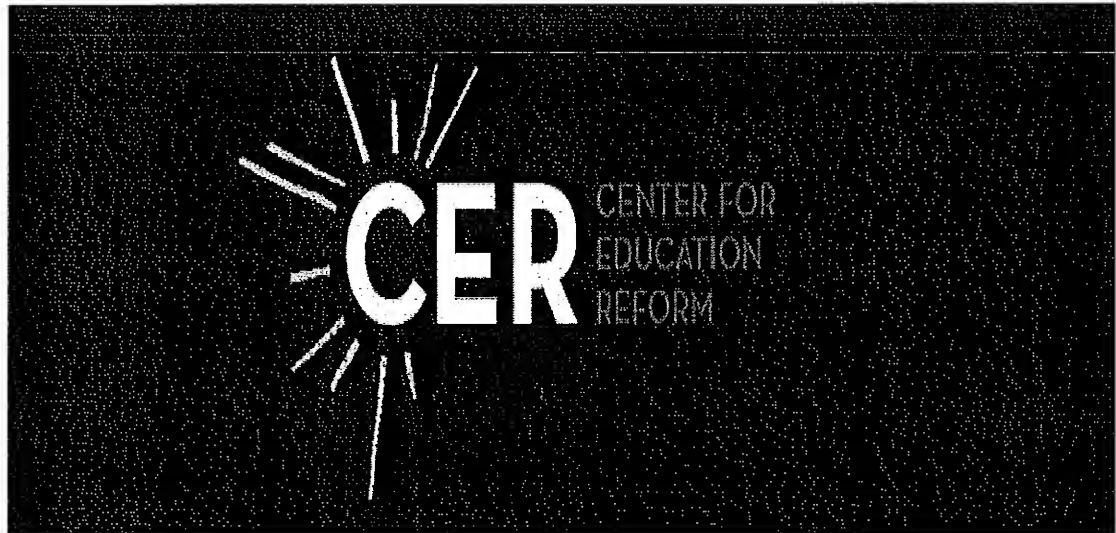
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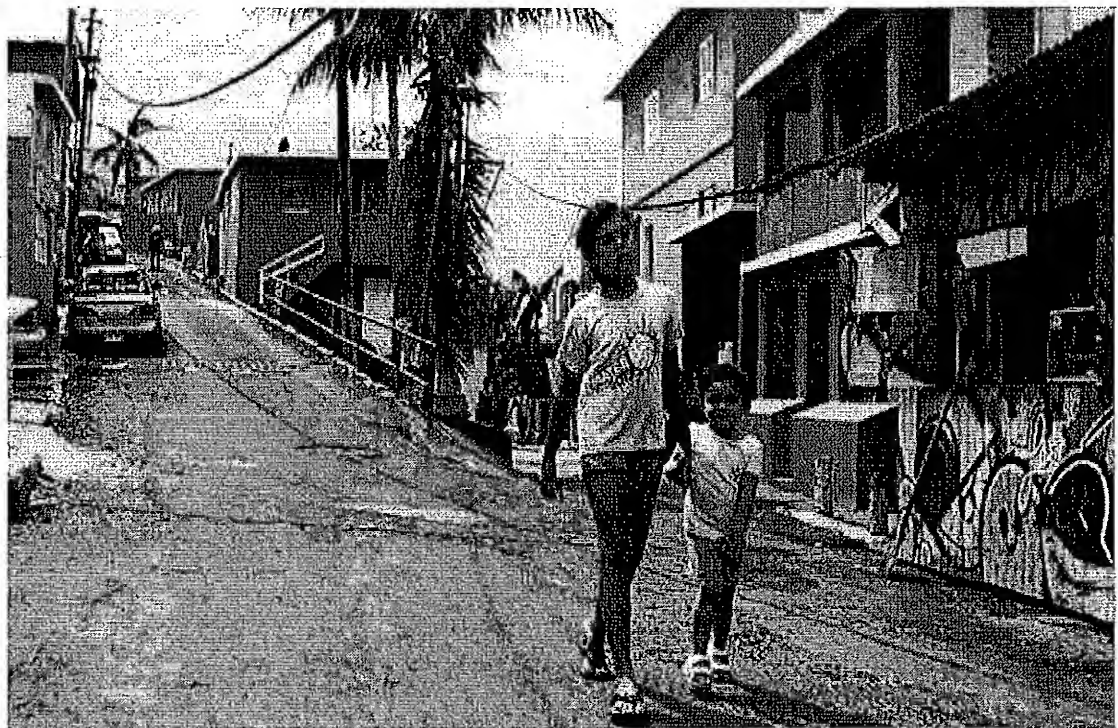
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A NEW HOPE FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS' FREEDOM? The President's nominee to fill the vacancy that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will create is Brett Kavanaugh, whose long history of rulings and opinions on education issues may allow for progress and real change for religious schools and school equity: *Does A Justice Kavanaugh Mean That Blaine Amendments Are History?*

A SETBACK IN PUERTO RICO. A frustrating turn of events in Puerto Rico where the hopes and plans to increase educational opportunities and innovations are being held up a judge's ruling that private school scholarships

violate Puerto Rico's Constitution and that only the University of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico's municipalities can operate "*alianza*" (i.e. charter) schools.

Sadly, this is another case of putting children last when it comes to meeting their educational needs and, with hope, will only be a temporary set-back in delivering Gov. Rosselló's hugely needed, and hugely promising reforms. The good news is that we've seen this movie before, and the flawed decisions of courts from Washington state to Florida are usually based on education powers in constitutions not legislative powers, which in most Constitutions take precedence. [Check out this review](#), for example, from former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement, about a similar issue claimed but not litigated in Kentucky. We'll keep you posted.



NEA: THE "NOT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION." Somehow the NEA thought it appropriate to dedicate nearly two-thirds of the resolutions at its annual conference last week to everything BUT education? [What are some of the NEA's priority issues?](#) Here's a sample. Ensuring that Banana Republic doesn't

advertise with the union. Creating a toolkit to press for moratoria on charter school authorizations by bodies other than locally elected school boards. Advocating for lower interest rates and affordable housing programs for educators. And planning at least one action to shut down an immigration detention center, a Customs and order Patrol office, or an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office (and recruiting at least 500 educators to participate in the action who are willing to be arrested and not bailed out of jail for a week!).

AFT ALSO OUT OF TOUCH. As the AFT gears up for its rollicking annual convention and demagoguery fest we thought we'd brief you on the issues they'd be debating this year...that is until we looked at the list of a whopping 91 resolutions from 13 committees that are more appropriate to a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly than they are to addressing the educational needs of America's children and families. To be fair, they do have an "Educational Issues Committee" but things go sideways fast when we get to the committees on Healthcare, Human Rights, International Relations, Labor and the Economy, Political Action ("Resolution No. 53 'Rev It Up:' Register, Educate, Vote!") and Organizing and Collective Bargaining. Suffice it to say they will be discussing a lot of things, most of which have little or nothing to do with educating children. If you are so inclined, you can read every word of every resolution [here](#).

NOTE TO UNIONS: You're supposed to be looking for ways to improve your standing after Janus not get farther away from the mission upon which you were founded.

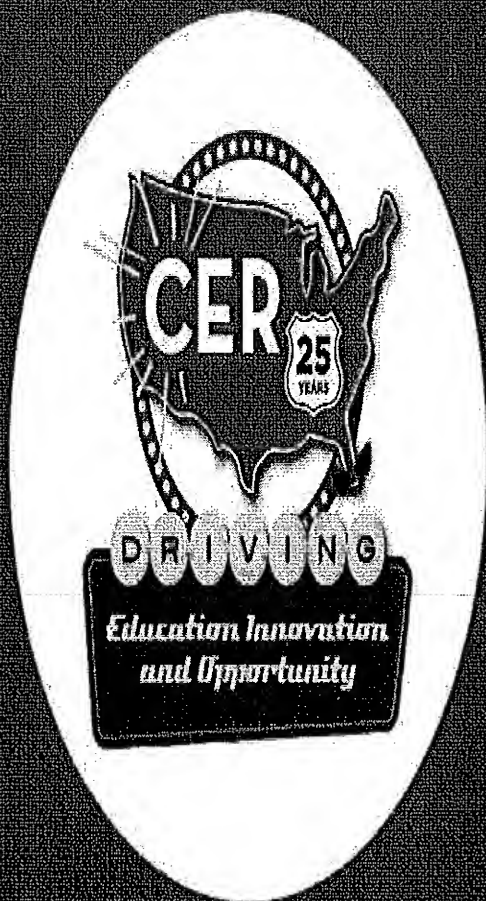
HEARING IT DIRECTLY FROM MARK JANUS. Along with many of our most respected colleagues, we've been glued to the Janus v. AFSCME litigation proceedings since the beginning. We've [covered](#), [interviewed](#) and reported on the subject. But nothing compares to hearing it from the horse's mouth. [Here's](#) Mark Janus explaining his "why" after the historic decision.

TO NBC: NOT TO SAY, 'WE TOLD YOU SO' BUT... The Grade, by Alexander Russo, offers up a great article over the irresponsibly story alleging charter schools are creating "white flight" from traditional public schools. The contention is absurd, and we said so, but the Grade goes even further. A very brief synopsis of its critique: *"...unfortunately, the [NBC/Hechinger] piece fails badly at its larger attempt, which is to assert that this kind of charter school is a significant problem nationally. Despite all efforts to make it seem otherwise, the data presented in the story do not support the claim that segregated white charters are a big problem."* Read the full article here.

COMPETITION. Pennsylvania's Bensalem school district hired a consultant to tell them why so many families were choosing charter schools over district schools. The consultant's explanation: with charter schools as an option for families, districts must compete for students, which means they have to improve in areas where they are lacking – be that in performance or programs or in working with parents. "Of course," the article concludes correctly, "competition is what the charter school law was supposed to produce — because competition drives excellence." = 2

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'Not A Complicated Case': Kavanaugh's Straightforward Style

There's no argle-bargle in Judge Brett Kavanaugh's opinions. Instead, he's made a name for himself on the D.C. Circuit with clear, concise writing. [Read more »](#)

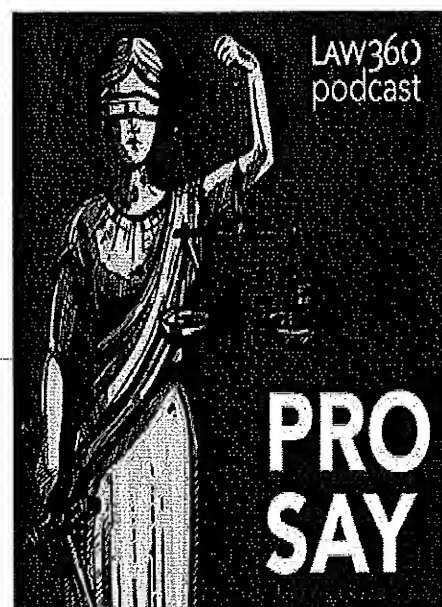
Analysis

With Kavanaugh's Nomination, Chevron's Future Looking Grim

Confirmation of President Donald Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit jurist and conservative all-star Brett Kavanaugh, would spell further trouble for federal agencies and so-called Chevron deference, but experts predict that the pro-regulation judicial doctrine is unlikely to be overturned completely in the near future. [Read more »](#)

Dems Need Unified Front To Combat Trump's High Court Pick

U.S. Senate Democrats have launched their drive to block President Donald Trump's choice of D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court, but the math indicates they must make sure their party ranks hold together. [Read more »](#)



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5 Tips For Kavanaugh As Confirmation Gets Underway

D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's nominee to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the U.S. Supreme Court, has publicly shared his view that being a judge means following the law — not making it — being impartial and not acting like a jerk. Here, experts share with Law360 five tips for how he can adhere to that philosophy while navigating confirmation hearings. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Kavanaugh Dissent Shows Skepticism For Deference To SEC

U.S. Supreme Court nominee D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh has earned a reputation for being skeptical of “overreaching” federal agencies, a point of view that could significantly influence how the high court defers to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission going forward, legal experts said Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Kavanaugh Could Mean High Court Trouble For CFPB

D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh would bring to the U.S. Supreme Court a skepticism of regulatory agency authority that could be a boon for the financial services industry and a bummer for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, experts say. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

What Enviro Lawyers Need To Know About Kavanaugh

President Donald Trump's nomination of D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court has attorneys, industry advocacy groups, environmentalists and academics delving into his majority opinions, dissents and oral argument comments for clues to his thoughts on matters ranging from climate change to executive agency deference. Here, Law360 takes a look at four key cases

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that provide insight into his approach to environmental and administrative law matters. [Read more »](#)

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6 Kavanaugh Employment Cases Lawyers Need To See

As U.S. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh prepares to embark on a potentially contentious confirmation process, a look at his judicial record in labor and employment cases reveals a judge who often sides with employers and tends to take a tough line with federal agencies. Here, Law360 looks at a handful of Judge Kavanaugh's D.C. Circuit employment law opinions that could offer a glimpse as to what his positions on the high court may look like. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Wave Of FDA Suits Awaits If Kavanaugh Helps Trim Chevron

Numerous legal challenges to U.S. Food and Drug Administration policies are likely if D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh ascends to the U.S. Supreme Court and helps persuade other justices to give less deference to regulators. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

3 Dissents That Define Kavanaugh's Immigration Record

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh has written dissents over the course of his 12-year tenure as a D.C. Circuit judge asserting that unauthorized immigrants don't have labor rights, that visa applicants' cultural background is irrelevant and that a detained immigrant teen should not be given immediate access to an abortion. Here, Law360 takes a look at Judge Kavanaugh's most notable writings on immigration. [Read more »](#)

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